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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL & EMAIL

The Ohio Ballot Board
c/o Jennifer Brunner, Chair
180 East Broad Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43266

Re: Proposed Initiated Amendment – Casino Gambling

Dear Chairwoman Brunner:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, a written petition bearing a copy of a proposed initiated Constitutional Amendment to Article XV, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution was submitted for my examination, together with a summary of that proposed amendment, on March 25, 2009.

Under this statute, my explicit duty is to opine whether the submitted summary of this proposed change in the law “is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” Id. If I find that the summary is a “fair and truthful statement,” then I am to “so certify and then forward the submitted petition to the Ohio ballot board for its approval” in accordance with other specified statutory provisions. Id. The statute specifies that I am to “conduct an examination of the summary” within “ten days” after receiving it. In this instance, the tenth day falls on April 6, 2009.

Having considered only the language of the proposed amendment as it relates to the summary language which appears on the petition, I am of the opinion that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be proposed. I am now forwarding the proposal to you in your capacity as Chair of the Ballot Board for consideration under Revised Code Section 3505.062. I can certify to the Ohio Ballot Board as follows:

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General’s Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed initiated constitutional amendment, amending Article XV, Section 6.

Once the Ballot Board meets pursuant to Revised Code Section 3505.062, I will forward its certification(s) to you in accordance with Revised Code Sections 3505.062(A) and 3519.01(A).

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Chief Elections Counsel, Secretary of State